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SUBJ: VISIT OF DR. G.M. SAWYER, TSU; AND MR. GEORGE ALLEN, MAYOR
PRO TEM OF DALLAS

SUMMARY: VICE MAYOR GEORGE ALLEN OF DALLAS AND DR. SAWYER
PLUS ASSOCIATES AND WIVES (REF A) ARRIVED HONG KONG BUT DID
NOT CARRY OUT SCHEDULE SUGGESTED IN REF B. INITIALLY CONGEN WAS
UNABLE TO LOCATE THEM BUT FINALLY MADE CONTACT ON EVE OF DEPARTURE.
KEY OF CIT OF DALLAS WAS GIVEN TO CONGEN OFFICER FOR TRANSMITTAL
TO GOVERNOR. LETTER
FROM CONSUL GENERAL WILL BE SENT TO ALLEN AS SOON AS KEY IS
DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR. THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO DEPT IN EVENT
DR. SAWYER OR MR. ALLEN EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT HONG
KONG VISIT.
END SUMMARY.

1. POST HAD BEEN INFORMED BY DEPT THAT ALLEN-SAWYER GROUP
WOULD ARRIVE MARCH 19 AND STAY AT HILTON BUT NO ARRIVAL TIME
WAS GIVEN. OUR REPEATED EFFORTS TO CONTACT THEM AT HILTON
PROVED FRUITLESS AND THEY MADE NO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT US.
APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR THEM HAD TO BE CANCELLED. WE DID NOT KNOW
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GROUP HAD ACTUALLY ARRIVED UNTIL GUJORTED CALLED USIS EVE

OF GROUP'S DEPARTURE.

2. UPON LEARNING WHEREABOUTS OF GROUP, THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED. THIS WAS THE FIRST INFORMATION WE HAD OF MAYOR PRO TEM GEORGE ALLEN'S PLAN TO PRESENT THE HONG KONG GOVERNOR WITH KEY TO CITY OF DALLAS AND HONORARY CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE.

3. DR. SAWYER AND PARTY GENERATED TWO UNFAVORABLE ARTICLES IN ENGLISH -LANGUAGE PRESS. THE PRESS STORIES SAID THAT SAWYER GROUP FELT IT HAD NOT BEEN ACCORDED APPROPRIATE RECEPTION.

4. GROUP WAS UNHAPPY THEY HAD NOT BEEN MET AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL. ACCORDING TO ALLEN SINGAPORE HAD PROMISED TO INFORM HONG KONG OF THEIR ARRIVAL BUT CONGEN HAD RECEIVED NO MESSAGE.

5. PRIOR TO GROUP'S DEPARTURE CAO AND IO MET WITH MAYOR ALLEN TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AND RECEIVE KEY TO CITY OF DALLAS AND HONORARY CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOVERNOR ON THEIR BEHALF. MR. ALLEN SAID HE HAD MADE NO EFFORT TO CONTACT THE CONSULATE GENERAL BECAUSE HE PRESUMED THE CONGEN HAD BEEN FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THEIR SCHEDULE BY DEPT.

6. IN PERSONAL CONTACT WITH CAO AND IO, MR. ALLEN WAS MOST PLEASANT. HE WAS SHOWN PROGRAM PLANS FOR GROUP'S VISIT AND SEEMED CONVINCED THAT THERE WAS A BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATIONS. HE SAID HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT SAWYER WOULD UNDERSTAND.

7. FYI: ON FEBRUARY 5, LONG BEFORE GROUP'S DEPARTURE FROM US, WE INFORMED DEPT (HONG KONG 1302) OF PROGRAM PLANS AND REQUESTED GROUP'S CONCURRENCE. NO REPLY WAS RECEIVED. END FYI.
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